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For: CLEANING SYSTEM UTILIZING

AN ORGANIC CLEANING

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JULY 8, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed July 8, 2003. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Accordingly, this response is timely filed if filed on or before October 8, 2003. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment and Remarks. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the following Response will place the claims in condition for Allowance or in better condition for Appeal.